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Dear Madam / Sir,

Kindly refer to this Ministry's letter No.W-11041/9/2015-Water.I dated 29th June, 2015 in which directions were issued to all the States with regard to the completion of ongoing projects. Subsequent to this, the Ministry has received many representations from the State Governments as well as public representatives wherein request has been made for revisiting the directions. Request has been made to this Ministry to allow the States to take up augmentation and upgradation of existing old water supply schemes under the programme in addition to completion of ongoing schemes and this work should not be barred from being taken up / execution.

2. A Committee was constituted in the Ministry to look into the issue and give suitable recommendations. The Committee deliberated on the issue and has recommended that augmentation and upgradation of existing old piped water schemes which are defunct or had outlived their useful life in many States should be allowed to be taken up under the programme component of NRDWP and this would not attract the ban on taking up any new scheme as communicated vide this Ministry's letter dated 29-06-2015.

3. The works which can be taken up under augmentation / upgradation of old functional or defunct piped water supply schemes are illustrated below:-

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- a) Augmentation of reservoir, repair /construction of additional overhead tank .
- b) Extension of pipelines to enhance coverage.
- c) Upgradation / laying of additional parallel pipe distribution system.
- d) Works related to source improvement like additional intake works/ tube wells to cover new households.
- e) Providing additional water lifting pumps or replacement of outdated energy inefficient pumps or change of ground water based sources into surface water based sources.

4. While the focus of the Ministry would be completion of ongoing schemes and direction to the States as communicated by this Ministry's letter dated 29-06-2015 would remain in force , the States, if they so desire , may take up the augmentation and upgradation of the existing water supply schemes, after taking the approval of the State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC).

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,


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All Principal Secretaries / Secretaries In-charge Rural Water Supply & Sanitation in States / UTs